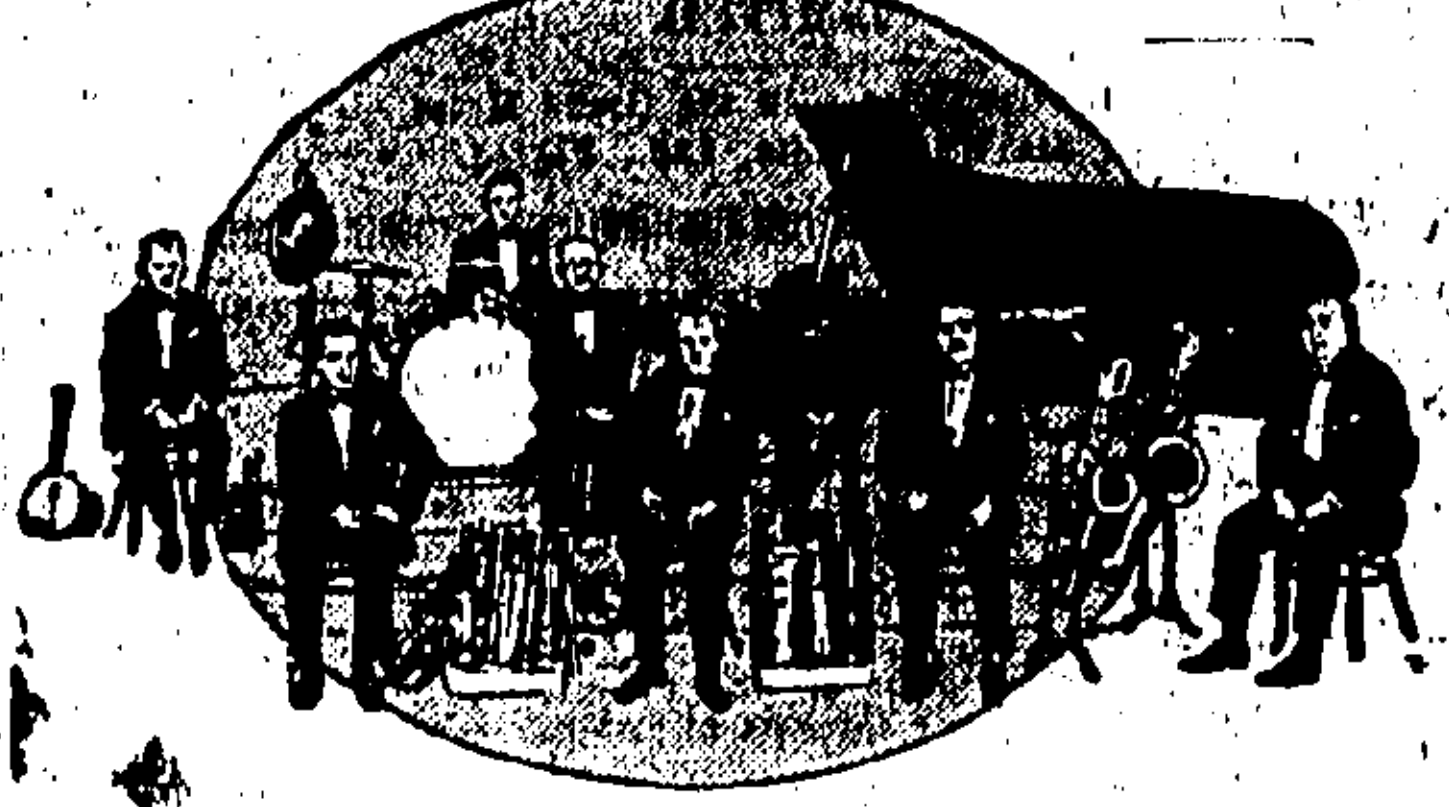




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POSITION UNDOUBTEDLY CRITICAL.

FANATICAL FURY OF WAHABIS.

BRUTALITY OF TRIBESMEN.

(*Reuter's Service.*)

CAIRO, September 29.

Although there is no definite news regarding Mecca, the position is undoubtedly critical. The civilian evacuation has apparently begun, the seat of government transferring to Jidda, on the Red Sea.

FANATICAL FURY.

LONDON, September 29.

The fanatical fury of the Wahabi, who are attempting to capture Mecca is illustrated by Najd el Assil (representative of Hussein Ibn Ali, the Emir and King of Hejaz), who brought the amended Anglo-Hejaz Treaty to London for approval.

In a statement to Reuter's Agency, Najd described operations he had recently witnessed near Amman. He said the Wahabi swoop down without warning; they take no prisoners and have no respect for sex; they leave a trail of desolation behind. He mentioned the case of a septuagenarian and a youth of nineteen who travelled on camels for fifty-four days to participate in the fighting.

He declared the only deterrent is the employment of British armoured cars and aeroplanes. Supported by two cars and one aeroplane, one of the leading Sheikhs could immediately take Ibsaud's capital.

BRITAIN GUARANTEES AUTONOMY.

The Kingdom of Hejaz, which attained its independence during the course of the late war, has an estimated area of 170,000 square miles, and an estimated population of about 900,000. Its frontiers are not delimited except on the west. On the south the more or less agreed line runs inland from Hail Point so as to include the territories of the Zahran, Ghamid and Bisha tribes. On the east, Khurma, Toima and Kheibar are in Hejaz, but the first is claimed also by Nejd, and the line between is very uncertain. On the north the recognised boundary runs inland from north of Akaba to about Muadhdham, on the Hejaz Railway, and thence to Toima, which was taken from Ibn Rashid in war. Hejaz is barren or semi-barren in the great part of its area. It may be regarded as the most important principality in Arabia in virtue of its possession of Mecca (70,000 inhabitants) and Medina (before the war, 35,000, now reduced to under 10,000 inhabitants), the Holy Places of Islam. Formerly included in the Turkish Vilayet of Hejaz, which extended from Akaba in the north to Asir in the south (but latterly, only from Medain Salih in the north), it was the chief centre of Ottoman influence in Arabia; and by means of the Hejaz railway, with its terminus at Medina, the Turks were enabled to maintain garrisons in the ports and the chief towns of the interior. But the Grand Sherif, or Emir of Mecca, wielded great influence throughout the Moslem world. Ottoman control was largely maintained in the past by the payment of an annual subsidy, but the presence of the Turks and their maladministration was always resented. Early in the war the British Government guaranteed the autonomy of the Hejaz, in the event of a successful revolt, and on June 5, 1916, Hussein Ibn Ali, the present Emir, proclaimed his independence. In November, 1916, the Emir Hussein issued a proclamation assuming the title King of Hejaz. The Treaty of Peace with Turkey recognised the Hejaz as a free and independent State. The capital is Mecca, and the chief port is Jidda, on the Red Sea, population about 20,000. The chief product is dates, of which the large crop gathered from the Medina oasis ranks highest; but all are consumed locally. Hides, wool and gum are the principal exports, but the volume is never large, and less now than before the war. Imports are mainly foodstuffs and building materials. Taxation is light, but irregular requisitions and customs dues at the ports are often heavy and furnish the bulk of the King's revenue. Great Britain pays him a considerable subsidy to enable him to maintain independence and provide for the Pilgrimage.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

EXAMINE JAPANESE DIFFICULTY.

SOLUTION SEEMS REMOTE.

TOKYO'S FIRM STAND.

(*Reuter's Service.*)

GENEVA, September 29.

The Japanese difficulty with regard to the disarmament protocol is now being examined by a small committee of delegates from Britain, France, Italy and Japan.

The matter is engrossing attention here.

Informal Conversations.

The sub-commission, headed by Sir Littleton Groom (Australia), dealing with Mr. Adachi's amendment, did not meet this morning, but Mr. Adachi held informal conversations with several members of the committee.

So far any solution seems remote; many consider it difficult, if not impossible, for the Japanese to give way.

BOXER INDEMNITY.

WESTERN EDUCATION FOR CHINESE.

A DEBATABLE MATTER.

(*Reuter's Service.*)

LONDON, September 29.

The Federation of British Industries has issued a statement, asking the Government to adhere to the undertaking of their predecessors that industry will be represented on the committee established to decide the purpose to which the British share of the Boxer indemnity be put.

Although the Federation originally advocated the money should be spent for educational purposes, it has now modified its views after consultation with responsible Chinese public men and in agreement with public opinion in China.

The Federation now considers the education of Chinese students, on Western lines, is a debatable matter. In the present state of China, students, highly trained technically, find no opportunities for utilising their training in China. This inevitably breeds discontent.

GERMANY AND LEAGUE.

MEMORANDUM FROM BERLIN.

LONDON AND PARIS NOTIFIED.

(*Reuter's Service.*)

LONDON, September 29.

A copy of the German Memorandum with regard to her entry to the League of Nations has been handed to M. Herriot in Paris, and to Mr. Ramsay MacDonald in London.

VIEWS OF GERMANY.

A Berlin message of September 27 reads:

The Foreign Office is drawing up a memorandum, in which Germany's wishes and conditions for entry to the League will be laid down. The memorandum will ask whether a permanent seat on the Council will be guaranteed; it will expressly declare that entry in no wise denotes re-acceptance of war guilt.

It will seek information with regard to obligations undertaken by becoming a member—especially on the question of transportation of foreign troops through Germany for assistance to a neighbouring state attacked by a third nation.

Germany argues that such transportation would involve a breach of neutrality, especially as regards Russia, and might lead to the latter retaliating against defenceless Germany. The memorandum also will deal with the Ruhr occupation and colonial mandates.

RELIGIOUS CONFERENCE.

LEADERS MEET IN LONDON.

LECTURE ON TAOISM.

(*Reuter's Service.*)

LONDON, September 29.

A Conference of Religions within the Empire has been sitting in London during the past week. It has heard addresses by leaders in numerous religions.

The leaders, principally oriental, listened to-day to a paper on Taoism, read by Mr. Hau Ti-shan of Peking.

INSULATORS FROM JAPAN.

AUSTRALIA TAKES ACTION.

DUMPING DUTY IMPOSED.

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ZEEBRUGGE MEMOIRS.**THE THETIS.**

Zeebrugge is almost as peaceful now as it was ten years ago, says a correspondent of the "Morning Post." Almost, but not quite, because of the many folk who come daily to reconstruct for themselves in its proper setting an epic of the long war. There is a museum at the entrance to the Mole, filled with war relics and photographs with which to clarify a misty memory before treading hallowed ground.

At the top of the town which houses this collection there is a quaint panorama of the storming of Zeebrugge—the "Vindictive" alongside the Mole, the "Thetis" sinking in the harbour, shot and shell everywhere, and you can make the scene more lurid by turning a handle and having different coloured lights thrown on to the picture! It is exciting, but downstairs you see the reality and suffering of war, and that is the truer view. There is the bridge, shelled into ruins, from which a brave Commander directed his ship for twenty minutes after his feet were shattered by enemy shell; there are the sailors round his photograph, and there are round Captain Fyfe's in the niche that is dedicated to his martyrdom, there are submarine nets and torpedo shells, and countless pictures and histories, and then with one's mind dwelling on the past you go on to the Mole and gaze and gaze.

SALVAGE WORK.

Landward the dunes stretch in either direction, dotted with red-roofed houses and grey-towered churches. The sea makes its way with scarcely a ripple into the entrance of the canal; fishing boats glide calmly along it and are lost in its windings. Then the eye is caught by a dredger. What is that thing her crane is lifting higher and higher out of the harbour deep? Bent and twisted and crumpled like paper; surely it is no ordinary debris of the sea! Slowly the dredger moves towards the Mole with the shapeless thing held aloft as a victorious standard for all the world to see! Nearer she comes, and the shapeless thing resolves itself into a portion of the crushed side of a battleship, from which dangles a long iron pipe. We were watching the resurrection of the "Thetis" from the grave where Britons had laid her! The dredger anchored, the crane slowly moved, and the bones of the "Thetis" fell with a rattle by the side of the salvage pile on the Mole. There was a moment's silence, then the blows of the salvage men broke the stillness; rivets were undone or broken, gas divided into two portions the long pipe, lead and iron were separated; destruction for re-creation was begun.

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A fair-haired English child spoke to the man in charge. "Un souvenir. Mails, tout, mademoiselle," and with shining eyes the child bent reverently over the pile and gathered a twisted piece of the hull into her arms.

Green slime oozed against her frock but she heeded it not, for the wonder of her countrymen's hardness and daring enveloped her as a haze, as, perhaps, for the first time, she realized the inheritance that was hers.

The dredger moved back to her station in the harbour; her drivers prepared for more work, and the sun shone over the calm waters and on the giant heap of that which remains of the brave ships who sank in those waters; the Briton—their Britain and ours—might live!

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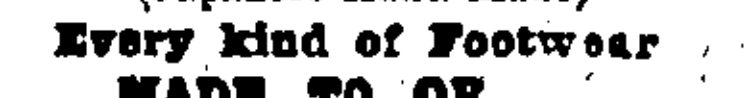
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[BY A. WAUGH IN THE "SUNDAY CHRONICLE."]

"Hobbs is batting." These three words heard across the telephone round about four o'clock on warm, summer-laden afternoons, have caused probably more business to be neglected than any other twenty words in the English language.

For the last fifteen years Jack Hobbs has been the dominant personality of cricket. When Hobbs falls not only Surrey but England are half-way towards the losing of a match, while as long as Hobbs is at the wicket, even though there may be some four hundred runs to get, there is no member of the side that would despair of victory.

"He is a personality," writes P. G. H. Fender (in a foreword to "My Cricket Memories," by J. B. Hobbs. Published by Heinemann, 6s. net) "who can draw men—and women—thousands of miles to see him play, as in Australia and Africa, who can make executives view his dismissal just before the close of play as a possible determining factor, in their yearly balance-sheets, and who can cause office boys—and others—to lose more relatives by sudden death during the summer than any one realised they could possess." Hobbs stands alone, and the story of how he came to stand there is told very simply, modestly but with much humour and much character in his autobiography "My Cricket Memories."

Loss to Leyton.

It is really only by a piece of luck that Hobbs has come to be the Oval's idol, for it was suggested first that he should join the Leyton ground staff, and had he been accepted there it is unlikely that so loyal a friend and so true a sportsman as Jack Hobbs would have deserted for more profitable employment the side that had first given him his chance. But Essex allowed their opportunity to slip, and Surrey, who have also in their time made big mistakes, notably in the case of Braund and Philip Mead, accepted gratefully what a weaker county had ignored, and it was no doubt poetic justice that Hobbs' first county match should be against Essex, and that he should score in it 155.

That was in 1904. Three years later he was invited to join the M.C.C. tour in Australia. In 1911 he was the greatest batsman not only in England but the world, and his supremacy ever since has stood unchallenged. Its completeness is not, however, to be proved by figures. For thirteen years he has been England's greatest batsman, but he has never once stood at the end of the season at the head of the averages. He is, paradoxical though it may sound, too great a batsman. He grows impatient with mere batting. He knows that he can hit long hops and half-volleys to the boundary.

No Picking and Choosing.

"He would," Neville Cardus wrote, "a century every time he batted if he chose to sit on the splices and wait for the inevitable loose ones." But Hobbs is too big for that. He wants to score off good balls as well as bad ones. He wants to experimentally see whether he cannot hook to square leg the ball that any schoolboy can slash between the covers. Consequently time after time he flings away his wicket. He gets himself out far more often than the bowler does. When the occasion and the interests of his side do not particularly demand a long score from him, he cannot be bothered to make runs for the mere sake of making them.

He realises, moreover, that the cricketer owes something to the spectator. There is a tendency in certain quarters to accept the public's money, and at the same time to regard the public as an undesirable nuisance, whose presence is tolerated but not invited. But if there were no public and no gates there would be certainly no professional cricket, and probably no first-class cricket either.

Hobbs realises this. He realises that the man who has paid his shilling at the gate has the right to expect amusement. "There are times," he says, "to remember the members and other spectators and to give them something to cheer about. I myself am temperamental; the enthusiasm of the crowd always draws a response from me. . . . Many a time I have thrown away my wicket in order to give the spectators bright cricket."

Only, though, when the interests of his side are not at stake. When he has got to make runs, nine times out of ten he makes them and in such a way as the occasion may demand. In Australia where there is no three-day cricket, where matches are played out to a finish and there is no cause for hurry, he runs very few risks. There is no need to. In the words of one of his opponents, "he just bats." And his Test match record is phenomenal. No one except F. S. Jackson approaches it.

Hobbs has many friends and admirers, but his mailbox is not entirely full of applications for autographs and sonnets from unknown admirers. He gets the other sort as well. The following letter, for example, reached him on the day after a certain Gentlemen v. Players match, in which he had hit a very dazzling fifty in twenty minutes:

"Swanker—you thought yourself very clever for getting a few fours off Greswell, and you only did it to pander to the Oval mob which you are always doing. They applaud anything Surrey throw, even if Hobbs Esq. misfields a ball! You had not so much side on Friday when Foster bowled you for a duck!"

"England would fall to pieces without you—I don't think, Swanker."

And this was his reward for a knock of 215 not out at Leyton:—Mr. Hobbs.—No doubt you felt very fine making that 215 on Monday, but the people who paid to see a game of cricket were terribly bored to compel to watch one man slogging for four mortal hours to earn talent money. It is what is killing cricket, chaps like you sticking in all day. How would you like to watch one man kick a football for four mortal hours on end?

To me you are a darn ugly bat to watch for half-an-hour. I say, didn't you feel fine? You won't come off so grand with Jacques and Kennedy's bowling. I hate your dam swank.—From one who hopes to see you out on Thursday.

There was only one retort to such a letter. Hobbs made it; 167 of the best.

That was in 1914, and if anyone has doubts of what Jack Hobbs is worth he had better dare him some time this season with a similar letter and see what happens. For though this book is called "My Cricket Memories," Hobbs is a man not only with a past but with a present. Possibly a future even. For quite a number of years still the opponents of Surrey and of England will be pretty glad to see Hobbs on his way back to the pavilion.

ODDS & ENDS.**MAINLY SCISSORS' LOOT.****Amazing Cactus.**

Anyone who, for the first time, encounters the cactus called "hairy stapelia" when in bloom, may well refuse to believe that its flower is truly a flower, for it looks exactly like the artificial star of some decoration, a thing that amazes and delights all beholders. The blossom is wonderfully painted in yellow and purple, with a gold centre. When fully expanded, there is a foetid odour, so carillon-like as to deceive the common flesh-flies, which deposit their eggs round the nectary. These frequently hatch, but the grubs soon die for want of flesh-food, so that the curious plant affords us rare instance of error in animal instincts.

He Obed.

The craze for crystal-gazing, and other forms of occultism, is not confined to the professional clairvoyants who make, in most cases, so excellent a living out of their credulous dupes. Society has taken it up; and some of its amateur female devotees are firm believers.

A good story concerning one of these was told by Mr. Clive Muskeleyn, the well-known illusionist.

She was a pretty woman, but somewhat straight-laced, and with a vast notion of her own importance and the deference due to her social position.

At a drawing-room charity entertainment recently she was giving an exhibition of her "powers" before a highly select audience. Pouncing upon a young man, she blindfolded him, led him into the middle of the room, and then made a series of passes with her hands, saying: "Don't resist any thought that comes into your head; do exactly what you feel like doing. I am willing you." Without a moment's hesitation the young man threw his arms around the lady and kissed her before the whole company. To her cries and indignant remonstrances he merely replied: "You told me to do what I felt like doing—so I did. And you said you were willing me!"

Norma Meant Well.

Like the majority of actresses, Norma Talmadge is very generous, and when, during a recent visit to Berlin, an old beggar craved alms of her, she emptied the contents of her purse into his hands. "It was a nice little gift," commented Miss Talmadge in reporting the incident to her husband, "but it made me happy to do it." "And how much did you happen to have in your bag?" questioned her husband. "Oh, it was all of a thousand marks," answered Norma. Her husband rocked with merriment. "And do you realise that all you gave him was less than a shilling?" he asked. Miss Talmadge was very surprised at this. "She insisted on going to look for the beggar, and eventually she found him, near the same street corner where he had previously accosted her. Then he received a donation that caused him to fall on his knees in gratitude before the radiant young American woman."

Her Excuse.

Well known for her work in connection with the People's League of Health, Miss Olga Nethersole tells the following story concerning a little maid she employed. One day while dressing for the theatre, there was an unusually heavy downpour of rain, and Miss Nethersole, peering out of the window at the overflowing gutters, remarked:

"Why, Lizzie, it is almost like the Flood!"

"The Flood, miss?" queried the girl.

"Yes, the Flood. Noah, you know, and the Ark."

"I never have no time to look at the papers, miss," explained the girl apologetically.

A Disconcerting Episode.

Most players will be able to recall Miss Marie Lohr's clever rendering of Cinderella in *Pinkie and the Patries*, a play produced under Sir H. Beerboom Tree's direction.

While a rehearsal for this was in progress, a tragic play, *Hannale*, was also being produced, in which Miss Lohr had to die, the preparation for both pieces being carried on simultaneously at His Majesty's.

In the midst of Tree's reiterated injunctions to the *Pinkie* and the *Patries* company to be merry and bright, a lugubrious-looking stage carpenter, working on *Hannale*, appeared in the wings, and beckoning to Miss Lohr, called out:

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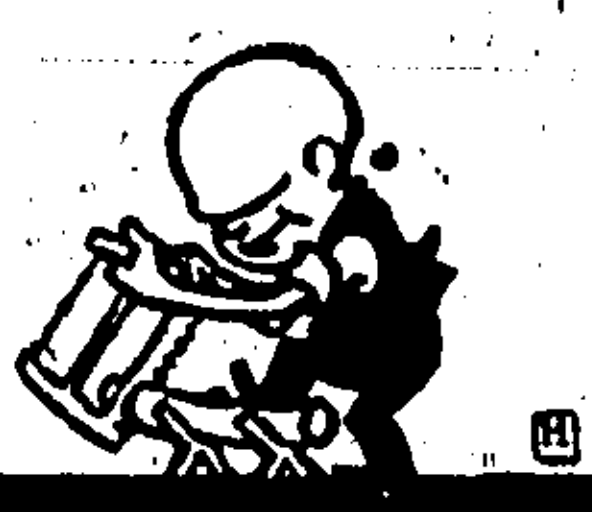
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The China Mail.

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, SEPT. 30, 1924.

SUN'S HATE.

"The Reason Why Great Britain Hates President Sun" is the streamer heading which the "Canton Gazette" gives to a front-page article dealing with "the contemptible gibe" that the Republican leader has on more than one occasion owed his life to "the Imperialist British Government" which he has lately been denouncing. "The Reason Why Great Britain Hates President Sun"—really it is almost unnecessary to read further than that heading; the mental attitude therein revealed discounts the whole article. First of all it is not

Great Britain that hates Dr. Sun but Dr. Sun who hates Great Britain. This distortion is typical of the Canton publicists. Great Britain, as we have pointed out before, may not regard Dr. Sun with a very friendly eye, looking upon him as a stormy petrel who causes trouble wherever he goes, but Great Britain would scorn either to plot his downfall or to entertain "hate" against him. "The Reason Why Great Britain Hates President Sun"—not Dr. Sun or Generalissimo Sun, but "President" Sun. Here again, the Canton publicists unconsciously reveal their curiously distorted minds. Dr. Sun has openly confessed his abject failure to govern the single province under his sway, yet he flaunts the pretentious title of President. This would be harmless enough as mere vanity or senile fancy, but it becomes mischievous when it induces "my government" to imagine itself a responsible government and not a guerilla government. We are not concerned at the moment with the harm that results from this

delusion, only with the light it sheds upon the outlook of the people who write or inspire such articles as the one we are discussing. That this outlook is altogether distorted is proved by the attempt to show that Dr. Sun owes no gratitude to Great Britain for the part H.M.S. "Moorhen" played in his escape from Canton in 1922 after General Chan Kwing-ming's coup. Says the "Canton Gazette" article: "We emphasize the fact President Sun chose to accept the hospitality of H.M.S. 'Moorhen' though he could have left Canton on board a Japanese gunboat." How the fact that he could have fled aboard a Japanese vessel absolves him from gratitude to Great Britain is beyond us to understand. He wanted to escape and Great Britain offered him a warship. Nothing can alter that fact; and if it does not merit thanks, then gratitude is an empty name. But the "Canton Gazette" article goes even further than seeking to show that Dr. Sun owes no gratitude to Great Britain; it strives to prove that Great Britain hates Dr. Sun because his Republican ideals strike at "England's Imperialist heart." "India is the corner-stone of England's Imperial greatness. That corner-stone rests on the supremacy of the British Raj in the Peninsula. To undermine that supremacy is to strike at England's Imperial heart. That is precisely what Sun Yat-sen has done in the overthrow of the Manchu and the transformation of China into a Republican state. There cannot be British autocracy in India if autocracy has given place to democracy in China. Hence it is a vital British interest that no national leader must succeed who is dedicated to the establishment of a strong and independent Republic in China." This of course is sheer nonsense. There is nothing that would please "Imperialist England" better than a strong and independent Republic in China. Apart from the fact that India has already been promised independence, what possible difference could China's system of government make to our rule in the Peninsula? How many times must we point out that it is manifestly in Britain's interest, both from the commercial and the international standpoints, that China should have a strong government and that so far from seeking to keep China disunited Britain would gladly help her to become a leading power in every sense of the word?

Harbour Congestion.

Much credit is due to navigators of ferry and other launches making use of the western (Shamshui and Mongkok) entrance to the Yaumati Refuge. A visit to the spot will bear out the contention that the place is too crowded and that the steersmen of many vessels passing in and out possess very little, if any, knowledge of the rule of the road. Yesterday, one of the Chinese ferry companies had to dodge and turn and eventually slow down to avoid a big cargo junk which was coming in and had just got abreast of an empty coal junk on which a gang of coolies were taking the air. About half a dozen other junks of differing sizes were strewn here and there between the entrance and the wharf and the ferry's short journey from wharf to entrance resembled a bending race, at a gymkhana meeting. We admit that it is easy to criticize but difficult to construct; but if our experts got together they should be able to devise a system whereby the "musical chairs" part of the business could be avoided. On the Chinese cross-harbour ferries will usually be found a fair percentage of women and children who are likely to take panic should an accident eventuate.

Telegraphic Interruption.

A raid on that part of Chinese territory just across the British border by the general who has been dubbed the Chinese "Black Douglas" has a sequel—a most inconvenient one for the business community in Hongkong and Canton—in interruption to the telegraph land-lines between the City of Rams and this port. What strategic advantage the anti-Sun commander gets by severing the wires or by turning the operators out of the midway station is more than even the local office of the Chinese Telegraph Adminis-

tration knows. Perhaps the raiding general may derive a certain amount of satisfaction from the fact that Dr. Sun's Canton Government is thereby cut-off, telegraphically, from the outer world or he may be trying to render a service to the Ministry of Communications at Peking, by stopping traffic till Canton pays for government cables transmitted. The anti-Sun headquarters at Waichow has, on several occasions, gone out of its way to show its friendliness to the Hongkong Government by returning arms stolen from the Colony and pirated ships and has waged war on pirate strongholds from which have been exterminated culprits responsible for several attacks on local ships. Could not an arrangement be come to with General Chan Kwing-ming whereby his subordinates will refrain from interfering with the cable communication between Hongkong and Canton whenever they capture territory through which the land lines run? We are sure that many will be thankful for this additional display of goodwill, if forthcoming.

SHADOWS BEFORE.

Coming Events Advertised in The Mail.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

September 30.—Coronet Theatre; "Westbound Limited," also Charlie Chaplin in "The Rink."
September 30.—World Theatre; "Where Is This West?"
September 30.—Queen's Theatre; "The \$5 Baby."
September 30.—Star Theatre; "White Tiger."

October 1.—At Theatre Royal, Malini, the world's greatest magician, 9.15 p.m.
TORCHLIGHT TATTOO.
October 9.—H.K.V.D.C., Grand Torchlight Tattoo on Murray Parade Ground, 9.30 p.m.
DANCES.

October 11.—Dance at the Peak Club, 9.15 p.m.
October 25.—Dance at the Peak Club, 9.15 p.m.

ROUTE MARCH.
October 3.—H.K.V.D.C., first Corps route march. Time of Parade at Corps Headquarters, 5.45 p.m.

PUBLIC AUCTION.
October 2.—Lammert Bros., at Holt's Wharf, Kowloon, miscellaneous goods, 11 a.m.
October 4.—Lammert Bros., at No. 23, Godown Upper, The H.K. and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon, artificial silk yarn and mercerized Egyptian yarn, 11 a.m.

COMPANY MEETINGS.
October 3.—Second meeting of the China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd., at Co.'s Office, Pedder Street, noon.
October 4.—Twenty-eighth meeting of shareholders of the Dairy Farm, Ice and Cold Storage Co., Ltd., at 2 Lower Albert Rd., noon.
October 18.—Extraordinary General Meeting of Douglas S.S. Co., Ltd., at the Registered Office of the Company, 20 Des Voeux Road, Central, noon.

October 20.—Third meeting of the China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd., at Co.'s Office, Pedder Street, noon.
November 5.—Further extraordinary meeting of Douglas S.S. Co., Ltd., at 20 Des Voeux Road Central, noon.

OTHER MEETING.
October 6.—Annual meeting of the H.K.C.C. in the Pavilion, 5.30 p.m.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

"The Five Dollar Baby." Metro's current feature at the Queen's Theatre, will be shown for the last time today. Those who have not done so should make a point of seeing this excellent picture and enjoy the pleasant entertainment provided.

At Volunteer Headquarters, a lot of Crow land, having an area of 3,270 square feet, situated at Shamshui, was put up for auction. The lot was purchased at the upset price of \$10,628 by Messrs. Raven and Basto on behalf of a client.

The Hongkong Boxing Association is in receipt of a cable from Shanghai stating that "Matty" Smith is prepared to meet Jim Cartridge in a boxing contest for the lightweight championship of the Colony. The contest has been provisionally arranged to take place on November 15.

The ships of the Special Service Squadron have reached Land's End on the completion of the world cruise. The "Hood," "Delhi" and "Dauntless" went to Plymouth, the "Ripulse" and "Adelaide" to Portsmouth and the "Danae" and "Dragon" to Sheerness.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The s.s. "Armagostan" reports a death on board the vessel during its journey here from Semarang.

The body of a Chinese woman named Su Yiu, 46 years of age, Queen's Road East, who jumped from the third floor into the street and was killed, was removed to the Victoria Mortuary yesterday.

A Chinese coolie, brought before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning for trespassing in the Royal Naval Dock Yard on Sunday, was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour.

For loading one crate with chickens without providing matting at Connaught Road Central, yesterday, two Chinese coolies were fined \$2 each. The case was heard by Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning.

"Dr. Besant—her Life and her Work" will be the subject of this week's Public Lecture of the Hongkong Lodge Theosophical Society, 16, Queen's Rd. Central, on Wednesday October 1st, at 5.45 p.m. All are welcome.

Before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning, an old Chinese man with gray hair was charged with being in unlawful possession of one dagger without a permit from the Captain Superintendent of Police. The man was arrested yesterday at Connaught Road Central. He was fined \$100. Divisional Inspector Spear, who prosecuted, stated that defendant had been a farmer in California for 43 years and never returned to China before. The accused did not know local arms regulations. The dagger was found amongst his personal effects.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Lieutenant Stock has been posted to the river gun-boat "Waterhen."

Paymaster-Commander H. S. Beresford and G. B. Osborne arrived here from Kobe by the s.s. "Arafura" yesterday.

Lieutenant T. A. Smythe, Royal Marines, has been appointed to the light cruiser "Carlisle," and will join next month.

Paymaster-Commander N. F. Roy has been appointed Secretary to Vice-Admiral Sir Allan F. Everitt, the C-in-C. of the China Station.

Mrs. A. G. Stephen, wife of the late manager of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, and Miss Addis arrived in Hongkong from Shanghai on the M.M. liner "Andre Lebon."

News has been received at Nagasaki from London announcing the death of Mrs. Ringer, widow of the late Mr. Frederick Ringer, who was for many years head of the firm of Messrs. Holme, Ringer & Co.

A message from Mukden says that M. Rosenfeldt, editor of a Soviet organ at Leningrad has been appointed Consul at Tokyo and is expected to arrive shortly to take up his duties.

Captain B. G. Washington, C.M.G., D.S.C., who was last employed afloat on H.M.S. "Durban" on this station, is now Assistant Director on the staff of the Admiral Commanding Reserves.

Captain W. J. C. Lake will assume the duties of Chief of Staff to Vice-Admiral Sir Allan Everitt, Commander-in-Chief of the China Station, early next month. At the same time he will relieve Captain Argentine H. Allington in command of the flagship "Hawkins."

The American author, Mr. Peter B. Kyne, accompanied by Mrs. Kyne, arrived yesterday by the Dollar liner "President Van Buren" and continued their world tour to-day. During their stay here they have been the guests of Mr. E. L. Matteson, of the Admiral Oriental Line, at whose house a reception was held last night.

Among the passengers passing Hongkong on the M.M. steamer "Andre Lebon" were Madame Claude, wife of the French Ambassador to Japan, Madame Wilson, wife of the French Consul General at Shanghai, M. Barnet, Cuban Minister to Japan, and Madame Barnet, also M. Henry, Inspector of Agriculture, M. Damiani, Secretary of the Cabinet, General, and M. Le Louet, Chief of the Veterinary Service, who have been to Japan and are returning to Saigon.

At the Rural Deanery at Westminster on Sunday, says a "Reuter" cable, participating in a celebration of the jubilee of the North China Mission were the Rev. Charles Scott, one of the curates at Eaton Square, who went to China 50 years ago and founded a mission, and the Revs. Norris (Bishop of North China) and Griffith, a famous relief worker in North China. Miss Bowdler, Smith of Peking, was among the speakers at a meeting at Canton Hall.

RECKLESS RIDING.

EUROPEAN MOTOR-CYCLIST FINED \$100.

POLICE COMPENSATED.

The case in which C. W. Mackenzie, of Taikoo Dock, was charged with (1) driving his motor-cycle to the danger of the public, (2) failing to report an accident after occurrence and (3) injuring two police officers at 1.05 a.m. on Sunday last, came up for hearing this morning. On the first and third charges defendant was fined \$100. The second charge was withdrawn. In addition defendant was ordered to pay \$10 compensation to the injured police officers.

The Captain Superintendent of Police prosecuted. He said that he understood the defendant pleaded guilty, but he wished to point out the seriousness of the case. Eight police were going out on patrol duty after midnight, opposite Tai Wo Street, marching four feet from the edge of the pavement two abreast, when suddenly a motor-cycle ran into two of them and knocked them down. The other police very wisely took cover under the verandah, otherwise the machine might have run into them as well. The defendant did not even try to clear the other men after the accident. It was admitted that accused was drunk. After midnight very little traffic was going on. Accused had a clear road to the right. As defendant did not realise what he was doing, at Home the Magistrate would not inflict a fine, but would order imprisonment. He asked that a heavy penalty be imposed and compensation be awarded to the constables.

Mr. Leo D'Almada appeared for the defence. He stated that defendant had been a diver with Taikoo Dock for two years and had not had any leave until last Friday. Defendant indulged in drink with some friends that night and was under the influence of liquor. Accused offered to compensate the injured constables. As accused was a young man, he asked His Worship to deal with the case leniently.

OBITUARY.

HUGH CHISHOLM.

A London cable reports the death of Mr. Hugh Chisholm, editor of the "Encyclopaedia Britannica" (10th, 11th, and 12th editions). Death took place after an operation for appendicitis. The late Mr. Chisholm was born on February 22, 1866. He was financial editor of the "Times" from 1913-1920, after a term of service as leader writer after he had left the staff of the "Standard."

JULIUS PRICE.

A London message also brings news of the death of Mr. Julius Mendes Price, artist, author and war correspondent. In the last named capacity he served the Italian Government in 1917. The late Mr. Price was special war artist correspondent for the "Illustrated London News" in the Bochuana campaign 1884-1885, on which occasion he enlisted in Methuen's Horse. In 1890-91 he traversed, unaccompanied, Siberia, Mongolia, the Gobi Desert, and Northern China, to Peking. He made a journey across the north-western territory of Canada and down the Yukon to Klondike in 1898. During the Russo-Japanese War, he was with the Russian Army in Manchuria. In the late war he was in France until employed by the Italian Government.

DAYLIGHT ROBBERY.

RICKSHA COOLIE IS VICTIM.

THREE ARMED MEN.

Li Ting, ricksha puller, reports that about 8.45 a.m., yesterday while he was pulling a male fare along Kennedy Road, at the junction of Queen's Road East and Kennedy Road, the man jumped out of the ricksha and caught hold of him by the neck. While he was being held by the throat, three more men approached from the road side, each producing a dagger. The unfortunate puller was relieved of \$5.40 after which his assailants made off.

FOOTBALL.

CHARITY MATCH NETS BIG SUM.

The Charity Football Match, played on last Saturday at South China and the Club, yielded a total receipt of \$1,649.20, of which \$923.00 accounted for tickets sold in advance. After deducting \$31.70 for expenses, the net amount of \$1,617.50 has been forwarded to the Tung Wah Hospital by the honorary secretary of the South China Athletic Association.

STEAM LAUNDRY.

IMPROVEMENTS FOR QUICKER HANDLING.

UP-TO-DATE METHODS.

Tucked away in Mong Kok Tsui in a district which is rather remote, considering the dimensions of the buildings and the amount of work of public benefit which is done there, but which by reason of its remoteness is able to get that complete detachment from other buildings which is highly desirable in many ways, are the works of the Steam Laundry Company.

In these days of enlightenment there are few of the old complaints as to the wear and tear to which garments entrusted to steam laundries are subjected, but lingering doubts in the minds of any as to the effect on washables of machinery used in connection with laundry work will be quickly dispelled by an inspection of the plant and processes at the laundry. To a "China Mail" representative who toured the works yesterday with Mr. W. W. Hirst, the manager, were explained the workings of the laundry; and a visit was paid to the new block of office-buildings-with-dry-cleaning room on the upper floor, which is replacing part of one of the old buildings that suffered serious structural damage in the typhoon of August 1923, and to the new laundry staff quarters adjoining, in which are flats let out to the married employees, at nominal rentals. Adjoining this block is a two-storied building the ground floor of which will be used for the storage of laundry trucks and, possibly, later as a garage. The two floors above will be used as a school of instruction.

A casual observer could get an idea of the amount of linen, woolen, silk and other washable articles, which are dealt with daily by the laundry, by noting the consignments continually arriving; but a truer estimate may be obtained by following the articles of apparel or ornament from the time that they are taken out of the basket, soiled, crumpled and shapeless, to the time that, restored to their original freshness, shape and colour, they are packed in snowy white parcels ready for delivery. To justify the expenditure of the large number of rotary washing machines, and the calendar steam-heated ironing machines and presses through which they go, a very large amount must be handled.

Two New Bolders. The large increase of steam machinery has made increased steam pressure a necessity which is being met by the installation of two 80 h.p. Lancashire boilers which are at present being installed, and should be in full working order by the end of October.

The staff quarters and school are not yet finished but the office block is, and with the dry cleaning processes on the second floor and the building do credit to the architects, Messrs. Denison, Ram & Gibbs and the contractors, Messrs. Fook Lee & Co. The elaborate processes, by which suits which look beyond redemption are restored to their pristine glory, are particularly interesting. There are all sorts of spirits, solvents, and re-agents for the perfection of the work.

It is interesting to recall that the Steam Laundry Co. was started in 1902 and in 1922 was purchased by two well-known local gentlemen, Messrs. Leung En-tin and Fung Tat-hang, who with the able management of Mr. W. W. Hirst, have carried out improvements by which they can with justification claim that they have made it a laundry second to none in the Far East.

The Company has this year taken control of the Shanghai Steam Laundry Co. situated at Waiyide Park, Shanghai, and every effort is being made to give Shanghai residents a sanitary laundry service and dry cleaning service such as that enjoyed by Hongkong.

FOOTBALL AT HOME.

LEAGUE MATCHES.

(Reuter's Service.)

LONDON, September 29. Following are latest football results in the Association League:

First League.
Burnley 1 Sunderland... 2
Scotch League.
Aberdeen 3 Queen's Park 1
Celtic 3 Cowdenbeath 1
Rangers 4 Hearts 1
Leamington 1 Partick 2

MR. WINSLOW ROBBED.

BEDROOM ENTERED AND JEWELLERY STOLEN.

Mr. H. P. Winslow, 511, The Peak, reports that, sometime between midnight and 4 a.m. yesterday, his bedroom was entered by a thief. Jewellery valued at \$3,000 and \$25 respectively was stolen.

WAR IN CHINA.

INTENSE FIGHTING NEAR SHANGHAI.

FIERCEST YET SEEN.

(Reuter's Service.)

Shanghai, September 30.

There has been most intense fighting along the whole front between Hwangtu and Liuhou.

The engagements yesterday are said to have been the fiercest of the whole war.

Both sides are showing an intensity of purpose, unequalled in the previous ten days, and the casualties have been heavy.

The Chekiangites claim they still hold the positions gained in their advance at the week-end.

Fighting On All Fronts.

Shanghai, September 29.

There was fighting on all fronts to-day. While the Chekiang forces were attacking the centre, the Kiangsu forces are launching offensives and are said to be seeking to envelop the wings.

War Risk Serious.

London, September 29.

The situation in China says the "Manchester Guardian," continues to perturb underwriters at Lloyds who recently issued a cancellation of war risks on all contracts that include insurance of goods to or from or between Chinese ports. It points out that most insurance covers and open contracts are subject to cancellation on ten days notice in case of war risk, but only in serious circumstances do underwriters take advantage of the clauses permitting cancellation of contracts, whereafter the underwriters usually agree to cover the war risks at mutually agreed rates. Prevailing war risk rates at Chinese ports are one eighth per cent. on policies containing an institute warehouse to warehouse clause and one per cent. for thirty days afterwards.

Policy of Japan.

Tokyo, September 29.

The party leaders of the House of Representatives at a conference this morning, decided to seek an interview with the Premier and Foreign Minister on Chinese policy, urging them, in view of the possibility of the extension of war to the Eastern province, to pay close attention to the situation and take such measures as are necessary for the protection of Japanese interests here. This may be regarded as representative of opinions held in many quarters, where, while not advocating intervention, it is declared Japan's special interests and relations with China, do not accord with an absolute, unconditional, non interference policy whatever happens, laid down and insisted by the Foreign Office.

Forces Link Up.

Following is text of a telegraphic communiqué from Marshal Wu Pei-fu's headquarters at Taoyichuan dated September 30 handed to the "China Mail" for publication:

Mr. Hsia Chao, the new Civil Governor of Chekiang, announced assumption of office on the 29th.

The troops under command of General Sun Chuan-fang have linked up with the Kiangsu and Anhui forces after occupying Fengking, thus completely encircling Shanghai and Wusong. The rebel general, Lu Yung-shiang, in an endeavour to break through, made several fruitless counterattacks. A general offensive against the enemy in this region has been launched by all forces available since yesterday.

Tales Of Mutiny.

The following is text of a communiqué from Marshal Wu Pei-fu's headquarters at Taoyichuan, dated September 28, 1924, received by cable.

At Mukden, on the day of the despatch of the Fengtien troops, a reign of terror was set up by the soldiers of the 5th and 6th brigades who broke loose, destroying several brothels, and pillaging the merchants' shops. They were rallied and have returned to their camps through the personal appeal of Chang Hsueh-liang (Chang Tao-lin's son). The merchants however, are closing their doors under great apprehension.

At Chingwantao, on 23rd, an enemy machine was scared off by the shooting of the national forces. On the same day, an enemy hydroplane was sunk off Shuijung.

On the front line at Shanhai-kwan, a line of enemy soldiers, stationed in a certain monastery in Laomin Village, deserted with their arms. The enemy officers have since been keeping a strict surveillance over any would-be deserters.

Attempts to throw bombs by enemy aeroplanes in the vicinity of Luanchow, during the last few days, ended in total failure. None of the bombs exploded, and there was no damage done.

PIRACY RECALLED.

VICTIM OF "LEE FAT" DISASTER.

SUES FOR WAGES.

In most memories, recollections have become somewhat dim of the piracy on October 8 of the "Lee Fat" launch, running to Cheung Chow but in the Summary Court this morning was considered the bearing of the piracy and subsequent capture on the affairs of one of the passengers.

Before His Honour, Mr. Justice A. Dyer Ball, Chung Kwan, a shop coolie, claimed \$293 wages from his employers, the Chung Shung-wo Oil Company.

Mr. C. A. S. Russ was for the plaintiff and Mr. J. T. Pryor for the defendants.

Mr. Russ said that the claim involved a novel point of law. The question to be decided was what effect capture by pirates had on a contract. The agreement which the plaintiff had with his employers was that he should be paid \$11 a month and be entitled to other perquisites and in consequence of this right the usual contract of employment was for one Chinese year. Unless he was dismissed in the first two days of the new year he was considered to be employed for a further period of one year.

DETAINED SIX MONTHS.

The plaintiff had been engaged four years previously, continued Mr. Russ, and had commenced at a salary of \$7 a month with perquisites amounting to about \$200 a year on account of which he was allowed to draw \$8 a month.

He obtained permission to go to Cheung Chow on October 8, 1923, and boarded the "Lee Fat" which was pirated. He was taken along with other passengers to the robber town in the Heungshan district and it was not until six months later that he managed to escape and return to Hongkong, where he was again employed by his old firm. He was in a poor state of health owing to the scanty fare supplied by the pirates and was given ten days' holiday by the defendants. He was shortly after discharged, the only reason given being that there was a difference of opinion as to whether the plaintiff was entitled to his salary for the time that he was away.

The whole question, said Mr. Russ, was whether a temporary detention by pirates was sufficient to terminate a contract.

The assistant Managing Director of the defendant firm was allowed to give his evidence first, on account of ill-health. He said that the plaintiff had been with the firm for two years and nine months when he obtained permission to go home to the country for a short time. Nothing more was heard until he returned in April this year. Witness paid him his wages up to the 10th moon and commission up to the 9th moon, an extra month's wages being given him as a special favour.

(Case proceeding.)

Our planes began flying yesterday.

Mutiny broke out among a portion of the enemy troops at Suifuang at the front line. Two regimental commanders were killed and upwards of five hundred deserted.

Three regiments of enemy troops at Yinkow mutinied. After looting and pillaging, the mutineers scattered with their arms.

The Government has appointed General Yuan Jui-ming, Commander-in-Chief of the Kueichow expeditionary forces and concurrently Vice-Commander of the Yunnan expeditionary forces; General Liu Slang, Commander-in-Chief of the Yunnan expeditionary forces and concurrently Vice-Commander of the Kueichow expeditionary forces. They have been ordered to launch a general attack immediately on these provinces, by different routes.

Claims Of Mukden.

An exclusive message to the "Daily Bulletin," dated Mukden, September 29, reads:

The counter-attack by the Jehol troops on Chaoyang on the 24th inst. is claimed to have been repulsed by the Second Fengtien Army.

The enemy fled to Chingshan, leaving several hundred killed and wounded.

The defeated forces resumed the offensive on the following day, and were again repulsed after an all-night fight, according to a communiqué, and they retreated to Laohushan, near Chienping. Between 300 and 400 were killed and 1,000 were wounded, over 100 prisoners were taken, and 13 mountain-guns, several hundred rifles, and quantities of ammunition and military supplies were captured.

The Fengtien forces expect to take Chienping shortly.

LUCKY ESCAPE.

DARKNESS SAVES PAKKAI RESIDENTS.

MARAUDERS' WELCOME MISTAKE.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

PAKKA, KONGMOON, Sept. 29.

Somebody once wrote of Napoleon's defeat at Waterloo that had it not been for a few drops of rain on the evening morning over a century ago, the entire course of history might have been changed. Had it not been for the overhanging clouds and the darkness on the night of Friday-Saturday the little suburb of Pakkai and its small community of Europeans and Americans might have received a most unwelcome visit from a gang of bandits who would certainly have altered the destinies of our inhabitants.

Our would-be visitors who are believed to have numbered over 100 strong, each man armed to the teeth, had reached Pakkai, which is just opposite the Pakkai Customs. Here they halted. Scouting around before making the rush to take the suburb by storm, they saw a Standard Oil Company lighter coming in. In the darkness they probably mistook her to be a British gunboat. Without waiting further, they one and all took to their heels leaving the lighter master of the situation.

Mr. H. Hilliard, Commissioner of Customs, was immediately informed. On a message being despatched to Canton, H.M.S. "Moorhen" and "Robin" were sent here, arriving on Sunday afternoon.

At present there are about 60 native soldiers on garrison duty in Pakkai. Assistance could be sent from Kongmoon, more than two hours away. Fortunately a good many of the residents slept through the ordeal being ignorant of what might have been their fate if the lighter had not scared the pirates off.

Subsequent investigation proved that our visitors were from Kong Mei, a place where an action was fought about a fortnight ago when the outlaws counter-attacked and defeated a strong detachment of regulars.

ARREARS OF PAY.

TROUBLES OF INDIAN CHAUFFEUR.

JUDGMENT IN PART.

An Indian chauffeur (Gulam Mahomed) sued his employer (Kartar Singh) before Mr. Justice H. H. J. Gompertz, sitting in Summary Jurisdiction in the Supreme Court this morning, for \$50 arrears of salary.

Mr. T. G. Bennett was for the plaintiff. Defendant was present but was not legally represented.

Mr. Bennett said that the defendant was the proprietor of a garage and employed the plaintiff as one of his chauffeurs in the beginning of May, this year at a salary of \$50 a month. The plaintiff stayed in his employ until July 6 but received no salary other than \$20 on account. The balance was what he was suing for. He had made repeated requests for it but had received "no satisfaction and left by mutual consent on July 6.

The plaintiff, in evidence, bore out the opening statement and on being questioned by the defendant denied that the salary was \$40 and said that he was not responsible for smashing one of the defendant's cars. He was certain that he gave notice.

The Other Side.

The defendant, in evidence, said that he had not received notice and he had deducted \$20 from the arrears, owing to the plaintiff, because of this and another \$20 because the plaintiff had smashed a car. The agreement was for the plaintiff to be paid \$40 a month and not \$50.

After the plaintiff had been recalled and examined, as to his past motoring career and the salary he had received previously to his last engagement. His Lordship said he was inclined to believe the defendant's story as to the salary. He, therefore, entered judgment for the plaintiff, on that basis, for \$47.

HOCKEY.

A further Practice Game of the Hongkong Hockey Club has been arranged to take place to-morrow (Wednesday) evening on the Marina ground, Kowloon, at 5.15 p.m.

The teams selected are as follows:

Whites: A. Bower, H. C. Macnamara, J. H. Kearns, D. S. Green, W. H. Lock, H. G. Gardner, D. H. R. Macmaster, G. B. Hewitt, W. Woodward, H. R. Meacock, T. J. Price.

Colours: P. W. F. Mills, C. J. M. Hughes, C. L. R. Becher, L. A. R. Danan, Rev. N. Evans, H. R. Romington, J. A. Rose, J. A. R. Plummer, W. Hyde, W. A. Nowers, J. C. Faen.

FAMOUS MOTOR CASE.

REPULSE BAY COLLISION RECALLED.

JUDGMENT FOR DEFENDANTS.

A formal judgment for the defendants was given in the Summary Court this morning by Mr. Justice A. Dyer Ball in the case in which a claim for \$935 was made by the Hang Lok Garage Company for damages to a car which they alleged were caused by the negligent driving of a chauffeur employed by the Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels Ltd. The collision took place on the Repulse Bay road on July 16.

Mr. C. A. S. Russ was for the plaintiffs and Mr. H. C. Macnamara for the defendants.

The case created a great deal of interest at the time of hearing owing to written allegations regarding members of the Hongkong Police force who were in the car owned by the plaintiff company. A lady who was in the car owned by the defendant company described the police officers as "a lot of drunken Cockneys."

His Honour said that he considered that the drivers of both cars saw each other and tried to avoid the collision, but the superior speed of the defendant company's car carried it into the back wheel of the other. There was no evidence as to the driver of this car driving at a dangerous rate; but both cars were undoubtedly too much in the middle of the road. He considered that both drivers were to blame and a formal judgment for the defendants would therefore be entered. Judgment as to costs would be reserved.

CONSTABLE SHOT.

NIGHT PROWLERS AT CHEUNGCHAU.

A DESPERATE STRUGGLE.

At about 12.30 a.m. to-day an Indian Police Constable No. 319, on patrol duty at Cheung Chau saw three Chinese men walking along the beach towards the village. He stopped and searched them. One of them produced a revolver.

The Indian Constable seized hold of the man with the revolver and a struggle ensued, during which the weapon was discharged wounding the constable in the thigh. The three men then made good their escape.

BASEBALL IN U.S.

WASHINGTON CHAMPIONS.

(Reuter's American Service.)

BOSTON, September 29.

Washington won the American baseball League Championship. In the final they defeated Boston by 4-2.

UP-COUNTRY CHAOS.

PRESS-GANGS AND MINOR WAR-LORDS.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

PAKKA, KONGMOON, Sept. 29.

Hu Chai has recently proceeded from Kungyick to Sanwul. Prior to his return to Canton a number of junks and tow-boats were "requisitioned" for service as transports. Press-gangs were also active, roping in coolies to act as camp-followers. To-day, regular tow-boat services have been interrupted, and those which have escaped not wishing to fall into military hands, remain tied to their up-country wharves.

General Leung Hung-kai, the pro-Sun commander in the hinterland of Kongmoon, has been accused of being desirous of extending his sphere of influence to the four districts of the See Yap. Other minor war-lords like Wong Ming-tong and Li Hot-wan have been preparing to resist him, and more internecine strife is expected.

SOVIET WARSHIP.

SLOOP PASSING THROUGH HONGKONG.

The Soviet sloop "Vorovskii," which arrived here on Saturday, is bound for Kronstat to Vladivostok, the object of her voyage being the protection of Russian fisheries.

She left Plymouth on July 28, and has called at Port Said, Aden, Colombo and Singapore. Captain Maximoff is in command, and the crew numbers 137 men.

A curious incident happened at Singapore.

As this was the first Soviet naval vessel to visit the port, and as the Soviet flag was only brought out about a year ago, the Singapore naval authorities found that they were without a Soviet flag for the purpose of saluting, and they had to make one for the occasion. The flag consists of a red background upon which is a white sun, with a blue star in the centre of the sun, eight rays, and a hammer and sickle crossed.

FORD AND BUS.

CHUNG MEI GARAGE WIN CASE.

JUDGMENT FOR \$241.

Judgment for the plaintiffs for \$241 and costs was given by Mr. Justice A. Dyer Ball in the Summary Court this morning in the case in which the Chung Mei Garage Company claimed \$500 from the Chung Hing Motor-Bus Company in respect of a collision between a Ford car owned by them and a motor bus owned by the defendant firm. The collision occurred on the Castle Peak road on March 19.

Mr. C. H. Lyson represented the plaintiffs and Mr. G. S. Hughes-Jones the defendants.

In his final address Mr. Hughes-Jones said that the plaintiffs had claimed that they were pushed in to the rock at the side of the road, but the evidence of the defence had been that the car was driven carelessly, that two people were in the wheel, and that in drawing in, the Ford car had struck the piece of rock which projected slightly.

Dignity of Court.

Mr. Lyson claimed, in his final address, that the dignity of the court had been affronted and its intellect insulted by the manner in which the witnesses for the defence had given their evidence. The stories of the lady conductor, whose father was the owner of the bus, and of the woman passenger whose husband was engaged by the defendant company were too well detailed to be believed.

In giving judgment, His Lordship congratulated Mr. Hughes-Jones on the way in which he had conducted a case which was entirely new to him. He did not agree with him, but that did not detract from his appreciation of his arguments. The evidence of the defendants did not appear to him to bear the stamp of truth and as the bus was full there must have been other witnesses besides those interested in the bus company. It was for a driver coming behind to take proper precautions.

S.S. "TIN SING."

OWNERS HOPEFUL OF SALVING SHIP.

A novel situation has arisen out of the sinking of the local river steamer "Tin Sing," which went aground below "Do Sing" last Friday evening and subsequently turned turtle when the greater part of her cargo had been discharged.

It was last reported that the "Tin Sing" was lying on her side, or to use the words of one of the crew of the "Kat Sing," another of the ships owned by the Luen Moon S.S. Co., which stood by the ill-fated ship, "she is now having a nap on the river bottom."

However, her owners have not given up hope of salvaging the vessel. When a "China Mail" man called round this morning he was informed that a representative was going up to inspect the ship; after which a decision would be made. From the reports of the captain and crew, the owners thought that the "Tin Sing" might yet be righted and brought back.

The owners also stated that several folk were standing by looking after things. Asked if a Chinese gunboat would be rendering protection, the owners replied that they had engaged the services of the Village Guards (volunteers) in the locality and they were acting as police for the vessel.

TAI TACK OPIUM.

CROWN OFFERS NO EVIDENCE.

ACCUSED DISCHARGED.

The defendant in the big opium smuggling case on the s.s. "Tai Tack," the first hearing of which took place some time ago, was discharged this morning, owing to the Crown not offering any evidence.

Mr. M. K. Lo appeared for the defence and applied for the return of all the books which were seized by the Police.

Mr. G. H. B. Nibhill, acting Crown Solicitor, who prosecuted, said that the books were not seized by the police but by the revenue officers and advised Mr. Lo to apply to Mr. J. D. Lloyd for their return.

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KISHU MARU.....	26th Oct.
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4.—D.L.	Haifong.
5.—O.N.	Boochow.
6.—O.S.K.	Kaijo Maru.
7.—O.S.N.	Kwangang.
8.—O.S.N.	Kwangchow.
9.—O.N.	Kingyuan.
10.—D.L.	Haifong.
11.—O.N.	Kwaiyang.
12.—O.S.K.	Kobu Maru.
13.—O.S.N.	Amakusa Maru.
14.—O.N.	Tosh.
15.—O.S.K.	Hingang.
16.—O.N.	Kalgan.

AMOI

Oct. 8.—D.L.	Haifong.
9.—O.S.K.	Kaijo Maru.
10.—O.N.	Kingyuan.
11.—D.L.	Haifong.
12.—O.N.	Shantung.
13.—O.S.K.	Kobu Maru.
14.—O.S.K.	Amakusa Maru.

FOOCHOW

Oct. 3.—D.L.	Haifong.
4.—D.L.	Haifong.

SHANGHAI

Oct. 1.—T.K.K.	Taiyo Maru.
2.—I.O.S.N.	Tungshing.
3.—O.N.	Szechuen.
4.—P.O.	Kashgar.
5.—N.Y.K.	Nagato Maru.
6.—O.N.	Boochow.
7.—O.S.N.	Kwangang.
8.—O.N.	Kwangchow.
9.—O.N.	Kingyuan.
10.—D.L.	Haifong.
11.—O.N.	Kwaiyang.
12.—O.S.K.	Kobu Maru.
13.—O.S.N.	Amakusa Maru.
14.—O.N.	Tosh.
15.—O.S.K.	Hingang.
16.—O.N.	Kalgan.
17.—N.Y.K.	Nagato Maru.
18.—P.O.	Malwa.
19.—D.L.	Taiyo Maru.
20.—O.S.K.	Kobu Maru.
21.—P.O.	Malwa.
22.—D.L.	Taiyo Maru.
23.—O.S.K.	Kobu Maru.
24.—P.O.	Malwa.
25.—D.L.	Taiyo Maru.
26.—O.S.K.	Kobu Maru.
27.—P.O.	Malwa.
28.—D.L.	Taiyo Maru.
29.—O.S.K.	Kobu Maru.
30.—P.O.	Malwa.

TAKAO

Oct. 8.—O.S.K.	Kobu Maru.
9.—O.S.K.	Rusho Maru.
10.—O.S.K.	Kobu Maru.
11.—O.S.K.	Rusho Maru.

KEELUNG

Oct. 15.—O.S.K.	Kobu Maru.
16.—O.S.K.	Rusho Maru.
17.—O.S.K.	Kobu Maru.
18.—O.S.K.	Rusho Maru.

WEIHAIWEI

Oct. 4.—O.N.	Nanning.
5.—O.N.	Hutchow.
6.—O.N.	Tientsin.
7.—O.N.	Chipsing.
8.—O.N.	Hutchow.

CHEFOO

Oct. 4.—O.N.	Nanning.
5.—O.N.	Hutchow.
6.—O.N.	Tientsin.
7.—O.N.	Chipsing.
8.—O.N.	Hutchow.

TIENTSIN

Oct. 1.—I.O.S.N.	Tungshing.
2.—O.N.	Szechuen.
3.—I.O.S.N.	Foohsing.
4.—D.L.	Haifong.

HOIHOW

Oct. 2.—B. & S.	Chihun.
3.—O.S.K.	Kobu Maru.
4.—I.O.S.N.	Kwangang.
5.—O.N.	Kwangchow.
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SINGAPORE

Oct. 1.—O.S.K.	Kobu Maru.
2.—O.S.K.	Rusho Maru.
3.—O.S.K.	Kobu Maru.
4.—O.S.K.	Rusho Maru.

MANILA

Oct. 2.—A.O.L.	Pros. Jefferson.
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3.—O.S.K.	Kobu Maru.
4.—O.S.K.	Rusho Maru.

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5.—O.S.K.	Amur Maru.
6.—O.S.K.	Silila.
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"MOHRA"	10,611	18th Oct.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"SIOLIA"	8,813	25th Oct.	Singapore, Penang, Col'bo & B'way
"KASHGAR"	8,840	1st Nov.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MALWA"	10,041	15th Nov.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"SARDINIA"	8,844	22nd Nov.	S'pore, Penang, Col'bo & Bombay
"KARMA"	8,088	29th Nov.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MANTUA"	10,908	12th Dec.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"BOUDAN"	6,896	24th Dec.	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & B'way
"KASHGAR"	8,840	31st Dec.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MALWA"	10,041	14th Jan.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"SARDINIA"	8,844	21st Jan.	S'pore, Penang, Col'bo & Bombay
"KARMA"	8,088	28th Jan.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MANTUA"	10,908	4th Feb.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"BOUDAN"	6,896	11th Feb.	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & B'way
"KASHGAR"	8,840	18th Feb.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MALWA"	10,041	25th Feb.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"SARDINIA"	8,844	4th Mar.	S'pore, Penang, Col'bo & Bombay
"KARMA"	8,088	11th Mar.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MANTUA"	10,908	18th Mar.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp

Ship	Tonnage	From	Destination
"KASHGAR"	8,840	4th Oct.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
"MALWA"	10,041	11th Oct.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
"SARDINIA"	8,844	18th Oct.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
"KARMA"	8,088	25th Oct.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
"MANTUA"	10,908	1st Nov.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta

Ship	Tonnage	From	Destination
"KASHGAR"	8,840	1st Oct.	Manila, Sandakan, Thursday
"MALWA"	10,041	8th Oct.	Manila, Sandakan, Friday
"SARDINIA"	8,844	15th Oct.	Manila, Sandakan, Saturday
"KARMA"	8,088	22nd Oct.	Manila, Sandakan, Sunday
"MANTUA"	10,908	29th Oct.	Manila, Sandakan, Monday

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"KASHGAR"	8,840	4th Oct.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"SIOLIA"	8,813	11th Oct.	Kobe only
"ST. ALBANS"	4,600	18th Oct.	Moji and Kobe
"MALWA"	10,041	25th Oct.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"SARDINIA"	8,844	1st Nov.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"KARMA"	8,088	8th Nov.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"MANTUA"	10,908	15th Nov.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"BOUDAN"	6,896	22nd Nov.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"KASHGAR"	8,840	29th Nov.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"MALWA"	10,041	6th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"SARDINIA"	8,844	13th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"KARMA"	8,088	20th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"MANTUA"	10,908	27th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"BOUDAN"	6,896	3rd Jan.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"KASHGAR"	8,840	10th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"MALWA"	10,041	17th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"SARDINIA"	8,844	24th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"KARMA"	8,088	31st Jan.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"MANTUA"	10,908	7th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"BOUDAN"	6,896	14th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"KASHGAR"	8,840	21st Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"MALWA"	10,041	28th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"SARDINIA"	8,844	6th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"KARMA"	8,088	13th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"MANTUA"	10,908	20th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"BOUDAN"	6,896	27th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe

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CHEFOO NOTES.

RAIN CAUSES RACES TO BE POSTPONED.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Chefoo, September 20.—Mr. Theo. Bringer, local manager of Messrs. Rayner Heusser & Co., left here with Mrs. Bringer on the 18th inst. to proceed to Europe on leave.

The Chefoo Autumn Gymkhana run under the auspices of the Chefoo Race Club was held on the West Beach on Friday, 5th, and Saturday, 13th inst. The original intention was to hold them on the 5th and 6th, but while the 5th was a fine day and the first day's races were able to be run off, on the afternoon of the 6th it was pouring hard. The races were postponed to the 7th, but as it was still raining they were postponed till the 13th.

It was very unfortunate that owing to the enforced postponement most of the U.S. Fleet had left before the 13th, and the attendance was much less than had been anticipated for by the Stewards in charge, and consequently the meeting was not the financial success that was expected.

The meeting itself so far as the racing and the arrangements were concerned were all that could be desired.

A nasty accident occurred on the first day when Mr. Don Kay was badly thrown, breaking his collar-bone, fracturing two ribs, and straining and bruising himself in several places. He is, however, recovering rapidly and we trust will soon be about again.

The Chefoo Champions, which was a very fine and close race, was won by Mr. Villers on Christmas Morn, Mrs. H. E. Raitton on Sand Snipe being second, and Mr. Swaney on Survivor a good third. In the Champions Sweepstake the first prize, \$999, was won by two of the U.S. Navy Officers, the second prize by Mr. A. L. Jones of the s.s. "Hulchow," and the third by Mr. J. S. Soden of s.s. "Kaho."

Results of Races.

The following are the results of the racing:—

Friday, September 5.

1—"Scurry Stakes"—½ mile.
Christmas Morn (Mr. Villers) 1
Nigger Snipe (Mrs. Raitton) 2
Jack Snipe (Mr. Swaney) 3

2—"Time Limit"—½ mile.

Bonnie Boy (Mrs. Hovey) 1
The Rat (Mr. Hogg) 2
Prince (Mr. Kay) 3

3—"Calities Plate"—½ mile.

Sand Snipe (Mr. Raitton) 1
Chin Chin (Miss Sugden) 2
Survivor (Mr. Swaney) 3

4—"Ladies Cup"—½ mile.

Nigger Snipe (Mrs. Raitton) 1
22 Karat (Mrs. Hovey) 2
Grey Snipe (Mrs. Clarke) 3

5—"Salt Gabelle Cup"—½ mile.

Pony No. 1 1
Pony No. 2 2
Pony No. 6 3

6—"Non Winners Cup"—½ mile.

Mik (Miss Sugden) 1
Survivor (Mr. Swaney) 2
Sweet Surprise (Mr. Villers) 3

7—"Criteria"—1 mile.

Sand Snipe (Mr. Raitton) 1
Christmas Morn (Mr. Villers) 2
Jack Snipe (Mr. Swaney) 3

8—"Chefoo Plate"—½ mile.

Nigger Snipe (Mr. Raitton) 1
Survivor (Mrs. Hovey) 2
Jack Snipe (Mr. Swaney) 3

2—"Hardly Race"—½ mile, over six hurdles.

Prince (Mrs. Smart) 1
22 Karat (Mrs. Hogg) 2
Gayteam (Miss Sugden) 3

3—"Beetle Cup"—½ mile.

Mik (Miss Sugden) 1
Sand Snipe (Mr. Raitton) 2
The Rat (Mr. Hogg) 3

4—"Un-won Stakes"—½ mile.

Jack Snipe (Mr. Swaney) 1
22 Karat (Mrs. Hovey) 2
Sweet Surprise (Mr. Villers) 3

Extra Race for Horses.—½ mile.

Ulfoka (Mr. Hogg) 1
Merry and Bright (Mr. Burke Close) 2

5—"Chefoo Champions"—1½ miles.

Christmas Morn (Mr. Villers) 1
Sand Snipe (Mrs. Raitton) 2
Survivor (Mrs. Swaney) 3

6—"Nil Dispersandum"—½ mile.

Sweet Surprise (Mr. Villers) 1
Boxer (Mr. Kisson) 2
Kik (Mr. Stephenson) 3

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Swimming Sports.

On the afternoon of the 6th inst. the C.I.M. Boys School held the

annual Swimming Sports at the pier near the second beach. Quite a large number of spectators were present and thoroughly enjoyed the fine exhibition of swimming and diving given by the boys. The Swimming Cup was this year won by Andrew Hazeland, a very popular and well deserved winner. The runner-up for the Cup was J. Pote-Hunt, who was only a small margin behind the winner. Carey House gained the most points towards the House Shield, with Paton House second.

In the evening of the 8th a concert was held in the Memorial Hall when the school children and their friends were present. Dr. F. H. Judd was Chairman, and during the interval presented the Swimming Cup to Andrew Hazeland.

On the 9th inst. a concert was held in the Chefoo Club the proceeds of which, free of all expense, were sent to the Temple Hill Hospital here, which is in urgent need of funds to pay for a new boiler that has been ordered for this winter. As the Hospital would have to close down for the winter if they were unable to secure this boiler, the residents of Chefoo were asked to assist; and the Misses Laura and Eleanor Bush arranged this concert to help raise funds.

The hall was crowded; and those present enjoyed what was undoubtedly the best concert ever put up in Chefoo. Among the many fine items on the programme it is difficult to single out any for comment, but Mrs. Kennedy's Violin Solos were probably the most appreciated. Mrs. Kennedy, the wife of one of the U.S. Naval officers, is an exceptionally gifted player, and is said to have played before Royalty.

Social Notes.

We have had the pleasure of congratulating Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Clayton, of Messrs. Holyoak and Massey, on the birth of a daughter on the 8th inst.

As you have probably heard from cable reports the case in which Mr. Firth, the chief officer of s.s. "Fausang" was arrested on a consular warrant and charged with "assaulting one Wong Shi-teing by hitting him with a leather baton and threatening him with a revolver whereby he was put in bodily fear of his life and by some means fell into the sea, thereby coming to his death" has been dismissed. The case was tried before Mr. J. L. Smith, H.M. Consul here.

Mrs. W. Knight, Principal of the C.I.M. Girls School, arrived back here on the 12th, having spent the summer at Pei-tai-ho, after having undergone a serious operation at the Peking Union Medical Hospital.

Rev. C. McDouall, who has been acting as our Port Chaplain for the summer months, left on the 18th inst. Rev. B. M. MacOwan arrived back the same day from home leave, and will now resume his duties here as Chaplain of the Port.

The Chinese gunboat "Hai Chi" after spending the summer here left yesterday for Shanhaikwan.

Violin Recital.

On Monday evening, 15th inst., Mrs. Kennedy very kindly agreed to give a Violin Recital for the benefit of the children of the C.I.M. Schools. The Recital was held in the Memorial Hall, and a large number of grown-ups were also present as well as the children.

Dr. Dilley introduced Mrs. Kennedy to the children in a few well chosen remarks. The appreciation of the playing was immense, as was demonstrated by the rounds of applause after each piece, and at the end.

Mrs. Kennedy played the following pieces:—

1—"Nocturne in Eb. by Chopin.

2—"Handel's Menuett, adapted Burmeister.

3—"Thais by Massenet.

After this piece, little Miss Hope Hewett, one of the youngest girls in the Girls School, went up to the platform and presented Mrs. Kennedy with a bouquet of ferns and flowers on behalf of the scholars.

4—"Canzonetta by Ambrosio.

5—"Humoresque by Dvorak.

Here Mrs. Kennedy obliged with an encore, playing by special request, Berceuse from Jocelyn by Godard.

6—"Träumerei by Schumann.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

RUBBER INDUSTRY.

POLICY IS UNSOUND.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, September 29.—Discussing the rubber position, the "Times" City editor points out that restriction, if drastic enough and continued long enough, must improve the statistical position and lead to a rise in price, but the consequences vary with the method. It is not economically sound "to eliminate the factor of efficiency by treating all planters alike in the matter of production." Secondly, it is an unsound policy to give a foreign rival business an opportunity to secure a larger proportion of the trade than formerly held. It seems in the circumstances, that when restriction finally ends, the British industry may find that although they have larger reserves of bark than their neighbours, the Dutch have a larger area of newly planted rubber, which will give them a larger proportion of trade than in the restriction era. Such a result would not have occurred if restriction had been brought about solely by the price factor. Restriction would then have affected equally the British and Dutch.

GENEVA.

ANIMATED DISCUSSIONS.

(Reuter's Service.)

Geneva, September 29.—The First Committee, after a prolonged and animated discussion adopted the Chairman's report on the jurisdiction portion of the protocol. An unexpected outcome was the Japanese exception to Article six—not five—relating to the action of the Council dealing with an aggressor. Mr. Adachi in a serious tone read a declaration of the Japanese delegation, the substance of which follows:—"The ideal of the League is to settle peacefully all conflicts between nations, the draft Protocol, however, does not make good the gaps in the Covenant in that connection, inasmuch as Article fifteen of the Covenant continues to permit a State to escape international investigation under pretext that the matter is within its exclusive competence, even if the matter infringes the honour, prejudices and vital interests of another State. According to Article seven of the Protocol, the League while abstaining from lending its specific action to a State wronged, threatens to consider that State an aggressor should it adopt measures in defence of its legitimate interests. Thus the draft Protocol will lead to the protection of a State which rejected the supremacy of international justice and condemn a state which simply asked for an impartial application of justice. The Japanese delegation, which already experienced great difficulties in accepting Article fifteen of the Covenant, greatly regrets it is unable to adhere to the illogical aggravation of the stipulation contained in Article six of the Protocol."

WORDING OF ARTICLE TWO RIGID. M. Fernandez (Brazil) contended the Japanese amendment did not favour the attainment of the object the Committee had in view and therefore appealed for its withdrawal. The Chairman, M. Politis, favoured the amendment pointing out there had been exaggeration on both sides. The present wording of Article six was too rigid. M. Rolin (Belgium) declared the amendment was not destructive. Each State had the right to settle its own disputes.

There were several heated interludes in the course of the discussion. M. Scialoja (Italy) suggested the examination of the Protocol in a calmer atmosphere by a Committee of experts. M. Louchet declared if the council did not do its duty, and provisions of the Protocol would be in vain. The proposed Japanese amendment would be referred to a sub-committee. Thereupon, the Committee rose, the delegates dispersing animatedly. The Protocol will now probably not come to the Assembly before Tuesday.

"TRAGIC" SITTING. Paris, September 29.—The newspapers emphasise the critical nature of the Japanese attitude at Geneva. "L'Echo de Paris" declares the Protocol reached "Le Matin's" special correspondent at Geneva refers to the "tragic" character of yesterday's sitting, and the indescribable emotion evoked by Adachi's declaration, and opines that the Japanese will remain adamant.

THE CHINA MAIL. Writing from Sianfu, on September 12, the correspondent of the "Central China Post" says:

We have had another lesson in militarism in this far Island Province during these last few days. At dead of night a call came to the window of one of our school bedrooms asking for a certain individual. The servant of the man called responded and presently opened the door, and was met with a knife at his throat and a threat that if he spoke he would be murdered. One of the two men in "grey" then slipped into the room, and slit open the neck of the sleeping man inside whose name they had called. The deed was quickly done, and to expedite their escape, they led the servant away from the room and tied him to a tree near by with a farewell threat as to what would happen if he made a sound.

When feeling safe presently, the servant gave the alarm and awoke the school to the horror of the tragedy. To make matters worse, a company of soldiers arrived early in the day to enquire into who had murdered their friend, and surrounded the servant as he would call it, but lacking a trained advocate, they applied a few red hot irons, and other contrivances of their own to make the man confess—this when China is supposed to have a legal and humane code. The result of the examination was that he confessed that it was not two soldiers as he had at first stated, but two of the scholars in the school at the instigation of one of the teachers.

Two Poor Scapegoats. This led to further arrests, and further tortures, and further confessions, and the two poor boys in the early years of their Middle school course, have got branded for life.

Of course, this kind of thing could not be taken lying down, and as the result of a vigorous personal protest to the authorities, and investigation by them the boys have been let out on bail, and now the crowd who did the job are chasing around on a fresh scent, and all to cover up their own cowardly traces.

At present no motive seems to be suggested for the crime, other than that the murdered man had given offence to a particular section of our Shensi soldier-brigands. It is not a new thing to us for it happens frequently all the time, but it is the first time, it has happened within the four walls of a school, and one wonders what it portends.

The incident doesn't tend to convince us as to the wisdom of withdrawal of Extrajurisdiction.

COWARDLY MURDER.

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The Outlook.

Politically, things are rather quiet apart from the fact that the Tachun is consolidating his position, and a few bands of notorious scoundrels have been driven into the mountains for the present.

The Autumn crops are largely a failure, and I have seen lately, the farmers rooting up their cotton, because it had gone rotten in the pod for some reason, possibly the long drought. We have just had two days of heavy rains which gives some hope that the wheat may be sown, but it has been so very dry that unless we get a few more days of rain before the Autumn ends, great fears are entertained of something like famine conditions this Winter.

It is distressing to see how little those in authority are interested in the pitiable condition of the poor.

KING OF SIAM.

WARM WELCOME IN SINGAPORE.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

SINGAPORE, September 29.—The King of Siam left here for Kuala Lumpur to-day.

Before his departure, he sent a cable to King George, expressing the warm welcome extended him here.

King George replied and hoped that the Siamese Monarch's stay at this outpost of the British Empire, had in every way been agreeable.

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FUNERAL AT KENSAL GREEN CEMETERY.

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The funeral of the late Mr. Alexander Gordon Stephen who died on August 27, took place at Kensal Green Cemetery on September 2. The body had been embalmed. Placed in a beautiful casket of Spanish mahogany and bearing a plate with the inscription:

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27th August, 1924

It was taken to the chapel in the cemetery, where, amidst a wonderful floral setting it was surrounded by friends who had assembled from far and near to pay their last tribute to the memory of the departed. The Government of Hongkong, with which the late Mr. Stephen was closely associated, was officially represented by Mr. E. R. Halliday, B.E., and a handsome wreath sent on their behalf was conspicuous among the floral tributes. The little chapel was crowded to overflowing and a most impressive service was conducted by the Rev. Dr. Duff, Bishop of Victoria, Hongkong, assisted by the Rev. R. Kent Teeddale. The choir led the singing of the hymns "Through all the Changing Scenes of Life" (290), "O God Our Help in Ages Past" (465) and "On the Resurrection Morn" (499). Psalm XXIII, "The Lord is My Shepherd," was also sung. After the service in the chapel the cortege moved to a beautiful and sheltered corner of the cemetery, where, previous to interment, the casket was placed in a metallic vault. Surrounding the grave during the reading of the simple burial service by the Bishop, were the chief mourners, comprising the twin daughters of the deceased, his brother, Mr. Arthur Stephen, Sir James Stewart Lockhart, K.C.M.G., Sir Newton and Lady Stabb, Sir Charles Addis, K.C.M.G., Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Jones. Others present were:

Mr. A. B. Wise, Sir Arthur Keith, Messrs. S. A. Gray, W. A. Argent, F. O. Reynolds, E. J. Chapman, G. L. Wilson, G. H. Tees, Edward Blunt, A. H. Campbell, N. E. Cornish, A. Bayne, A. A. Brady, K. F. Gordon, and W. Fraser, and Colonel Reiss, Messrs. P. H. Crossley, P. A. Skinner, M. Croucher, Andrew Beattie, F. C. Kendall, Hugo Reiss, J. J. A. Moore, H. George Gardner, and S. F. Mayers; Major W. S. Nathan, C.M.G., Messrs. John T. Hamilton, P. de C. Morris, and H. H. Fox (British Legation, Peking), Commander Ellison, Messrs. E. V. D. Parr, G. H. Stitt, J. H. Sturt, R. B. Lynd, R. H. Hill, G. A. Richardson, H. P. Bell, T. Petrie, H. A. McPherson, C. H. P. Hay, V. F. Caesar Hawkins, F. Adams Orum, Frank Souter, Thomas S. Baker, William Adamson, H. Arnold, G. Hutton Potts, and A. S. Gifford, Mr. and Mrs. McCarthy, J. Alston, H. W. Robertson, D. G. H. Bernard, G. M. Dodwell, Mr. and Mrs. Patterson, J. Armstrong, G. S. Avesand, G. E. Hubbard, Sir Ed. Crooke, Messrs. M. Donald Clark, M. Blount, Representative Gordon & Co., Messrs. J. K. Moir, S. H. Dodwell, C. H. Wilson, and W. H. McCallum, Sir Paul Charter, Sir James Jamieson, Sir Reginald Gamble, Dr. Marriott, Mr. Kenneth Steven, Mr. Freitas, Portuguese Minister of China, Mr. A. Valentine, Sir John Jordan, Messrs. C. H. E. Robertson, David Landale, C. C. Barlow, F. L. Lawrence, G. Duncan, M. Moncur, W. S. Nichols, D. G. Edmondson, and L. T. Dutton, Sir Robert Ho Tung, Sir Charles Addis, Messrs. J. L. Crockett, Major Henry Keswick, P. R. Hallifax, Sutherland (Representative, H.K. St. Andrew's Society), Mr. Edward White, A. P. Wood, Jardine Matheson Co., and Mr. T. H. Whitehead.

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An Appreciation.

The following appreciation of the late Mr. Stephen was contributed by "The China Express and Telegraph" by J.H.S.L.

The death of Mr. A. G. Stephen, who passed away after a short illness in a nursing home in London, has come as a great shock to a very wide circle of friends and admirers by whom he was so much beloved and so highly esteemed. He returned from Hongkong to England for a holiday last June, and after a brief stay in this country proceeded to Contraville with his

daughters. After remaining there for three weeks, he went to reside at his villa at Fentan in the Engadine, and, having caught a chill whilst travelling to his destination, he became ill there. As his health showed no signs of improvement, he left Fentan for Zurich, where he became so seriously ill that he returned to London. On his arrival on Aug. 25, he went at once to a nursing home, where all medical efforts proved of no avail and he passed away on August 27.

Mr. Stephen was born in Aberdeen on Sept. 14, 1862, but when quite young went to live at Turiff, in Aberdeenshire, where he received his education under a "Domine," who was well known as a teacher. Like many other famous Scots, he left school when young to serve an apprenticeship in the Town and County Bank, in Aberdeen, his native city. There he remained until 1882, when he joined the London office of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank. In 1885 he was transferred to the head office of that Bank in Hongkong, and had the good fortune to serve there under the chief manager, Mr. (afterwards Sir) Thomas Jackson, or "T.J.," as he was always called, who was famous for his ability as a banker. Mr. Stephen was quick to avail himself of the privilege he enjoyed of working under such an exceptional chief, and he never tired of speaking in terms of the greatest affection and admiration of his beloved Chief. Though a hard and conscientious worker, Mr. Stephen was always keen on many sports, and in his youth was well known for his prowess as a rowing man, rowing being one of his favourite pastimes, in which he distinguished himself and through which he made lifelong friends. One of his old friends with whom he rowed in the Scotch four over thirty-six years ago was one of the last persons to see him alive, and to bid him a last farewell. After having left Hongkong, where he had deservedly found favour in the eyes of his Chief and had justly earned for himself among a host of friends a reputation as "one of the best," he was transferred to Batavia and then to Bombay. At the latter place he met the charming lady who became his wife. From Bombay he was moved to Penang, and in 1906 to Manila as manager.

There he remained until 1911, when he was rewarded for his excellent work by being appointed manager of the Shanghai branch, which is regarded as one of the most responsible posts in the Bank. At this time Mr. (now Sir) Newton Stabb was chief manager at Hongkong, having succeeded Mr. J. R. M. Smith, and as was often said at the time: "The S. and S. (Stabb and Stephen) combination is hard to beat." He continued to be manager at Shanghai until 1920, so that he was in charge there during the whole period of the war and its immediate aftermath. That was a period, if ever there was one, which required a strong man, a cool head and ability of an uncommon order. Fortunately Mr. Stephen possessed all those qualities, and his conduct of affairs during that time of storm and stress showed that he was a true product of that City of Granite where he was born, and that he well deserved, for the imperturbable manner in which he faced all difficulties, the name of "The Rock," given to him by one whom he loved, and who loved him dearly. Whilst in Shanghai he made a great name for himself both as a banker and as a man of sterling worth. He took a leading part in the general social life of the place, and was noted for his kindness, his good nature and his princely hospitality. He was much interested in racing, and two of the ponies of which he was joint owner won the Champions at Shanghai and Hongkong.

In 1921 he was appointed chief manager at Hongkong, his old friend and colleague, Sir Newton Stabb, being made one of the managers in London, so that the "S. and S. combination" was still maintained with results that proved most satisfactory to all those who are interested in the material welfare of the Bank. Whilst he was chief manager, the new Bank at Shanghai was built—one of the largest buildings of its kind in the world—and other new premises for the Bank were also erected, or are being erected, at Hankow, Tientsin and Singapore. His policy of having the Bank worthily and properly housed, though it may be criticised by those who view are not long and who want immediately larger returns on their invested capital, is undoubtedly a wise one. Old China hands will remember that when a new Bank was built in Hongkong, its size so blinded the vision of not a few that they called it, "T.J.'s Folly!" Today, the premises of that Bank have been found to be insufficient, and it has been necessary to bring within the sheltering wing of the mis-called Folly the adjoining building. Mr. Stephen's great success as chief manager in Hongkong is known to everyone. In social life he was, as he had been in Shanghai, a leading spirit, and he was most popular with all classes. He was a member of the Legislative Council, and after he had resigned his seat on it, he was appointed to be a Member of the Executive Council. He was re-

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(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Mr. Tien Yen, writing for the "Chinese Mail," says that Dr. Sun Yat-sen has instructed ex-Governor Hu Han-hsin, now in charge of the General Headquarters in Canton, Governor Liao Chung-hol, Secretary of Foreign Affairs, C. C. Wu, and others to take immediate steps to take over the Canton Customs. Dr. Sun will consider that they "have done their best," should they be able to bring about foreign intervention, and only "fairly well," if a foreign protest results. Dr. Sun will be disappointed, if the foreign Powers allow him to proceed with the seizure of the Customs Administration. Dr. C. C. Wu, the foreign secretary, who has more than once failed to even get the just portion of the customs surplus properly belonging to Canton, is not likely to comply with the instruction of Dr. Sun. He is reported to have told his friends that he thinks Dr. Sun must have been out of his senses when he signed the instructions. Nevertheless, Mr. Liao and Mr. Hu thought it worth while to look into the question, and they consulted Dr. Sun on the matter on September 22. So far no action has been taken.

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Mr. Stephen was a great and striking personality. With a presence tall and impressive, he was possessed of great physical strength and of a courage which was undaunted. He was quick in observation and an excellent judge of character. Gifted with a keen insight, he soon came to a decision which was seldom wrong. He was broadminded and tolerant, which made him a general favourite among all races. Among the Chinese with whom he was brought into intimate contact he was held in the highest esteem, and was frequently consulted by them. His wise counsel was often sought by high and low, regardless of nationality, and he never refused to lend a helping hand when his aid was invoked. He had a most generous nature, and assisted many upon whom fortune had not smiled. He had a "pawky" humour which often revealed itself both in business and social life, and his speeches at meetings of Brother Scots in Shanghai and in Hongkong showed that he had the gift of speech. He had a very tender heart and a great fondness for the young, with whom he was always ready to share their joys and their sorrows. He had a very simple nature, and was entirely free from affectation. He showed that "good manners hardly have a single master-key unless it be simplicity and freedom from the curse of affectation." He was the most loyal of friends, and to the great Banking Institution with which he was so long and so honourably associated, and in which he had such a brilliant career, he was ever the most devoted servant. Nothing could tempt him to leave it, though material temptations to which others of a different and weaker mould might have yielded, were dangled before him. He always felt that:

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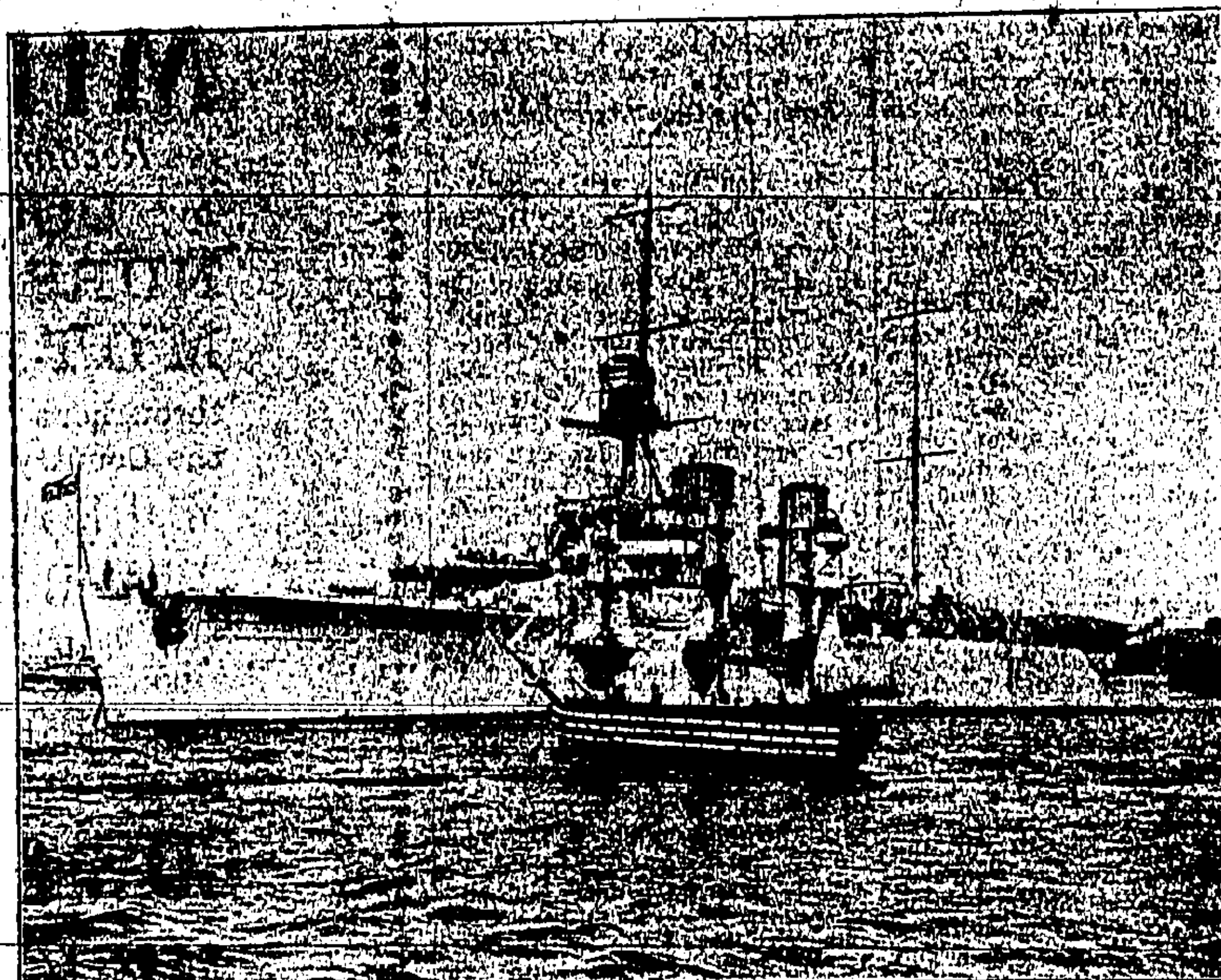


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Interest allowed on Current Accounts.

Deposits received for fixed periods at rates to be obtained on application.

Manager,

FARES FOR PUBLIC VEHICLES.

The fares prescribed for public vehicles are as follows:

I.—In the Island of Hongkong, Kowloon, Road and Lower Levels, and in Kowloon, and New Kowloon.

RICSHAS.

Five minutes.....	1 cent
Ten minutes.....	10
Quarter hour.....	15
Half hour.....	20
Three hours.....	30
Every subsequent hour.....	30

If the rickshaws be engaged within the City of Victoria, and be charged outside the Western part of the City of Victoria after 9 p.m., or be charged to the East of Bay View Station on the Eastern side of the City of Victoria after 9 p.m., an extra fare shall be chargeable.

For 2 or 3 drivers the fare is double or treble respectively.

II.—In the Hill District.

Ten minutes.....	15 cents
Quarter hour.....	20
Half hour.....	30
Two hour.....	40,

III.—In the New Territories.

By arrangement with the proprietors through the Police.

CHAIRS.

I.—Lower Levels.

With 2 Passes With 4 Passes

Ten minutes.....	10 cents	50 cents
Quarter hour.....	15	50
Half hour.....	25	60
One hour.....	35	80
Every subsequent hour.....	35	40

II.—Hill District.

With 2 Passes With 4 Passes

Ten minutes.....	15 cents	50 cents
Quarter hour.....	20	60
Half hour.....	30	80
One hour.....	40	90
Every subsequent hour.....	40	90

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Rheum Chamberlain's Pain Balm cures all painful spots. It is penetrates deep into the circulation which carries off the congestion and pressure, thus relieving the pain. It is shown by the thermometer that Rheum Balm actually cools the swollen, burning joints, and restores the solid structure of the bone.

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